



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THE 1892ND REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS HELD IN CITY HALL, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON JANUARY 20, 2026 AT 7:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
TJ HAIGHT	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
JUSTIN LEAGUE	COUNCILMAN
RON MARTIN	COUNCILMAN
GEORGETTE FORD	COUNCILWOMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES STOKES	CITY MANAGER
SARA COSTLOW	ASST. CITY MANAGER
JIM FOX	CITY ATTORNEY
ANGELA SMITH	CITY SECRETARY

SEC 551.127 VIDEO CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE - Not used.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION - The invocation was given by Councilwoman Ford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilman League led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE - Eric Sanchez expressed concern regarding Deer Park Police jail records and photographs pertaining to George Wayne Boatright from the year 1977.

TAX PAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

House Bill 1522, passed by the 89th Texas Legislature, amends section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code to require that the notice of a meeting required to be posted under section 551.043(a) of the Texas Open Meetings Act, at which a governmental body will discuss or adopt a budget for the governmental body, must include a taxpayer impact statement showing, for the median-valued homestead property, a comparison of the property tax bill in dollars pertaining to the property for the current fiscal year to an estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the same property for the upcoming fiscal year.

CITY OF DEER PARK - TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

<i>Description</i>	<i>FY 2024-2025</i>	<i>FY 2025-2026</i>	<i>FY 2025-2026</i>
	<i>Adopted Tax Rate</i>	<i>Adopted Tax Rate</i>	<i>No New Revenue Rate</i>
<i>Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation</i>	\$0.720000	\$0.720000	\$0.685560
<i>Median Taxable Value Homestead</i>	\$193,254.00	\$198,814.00	\$198,814.00
<i>Estimated Annual Tax Bill</i>	\$ 1,391.43	\$ 1,431.46	\$ 1,362.99

AWARDING/REJECTING BIDS

- 1. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION FROM SALARY & BENEFITS SURVEY REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.**

Motion was made by Councilman League and seconded by Councilman Ginn to approve the recommendation of the Salary and Benefits Survey and authorize execution of a professional services agreement with Public Sector Personnel Consultants.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Haight to approve the consent calendar as follows:

- 2. APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 6, 2026.**

Motion carried 7 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

- 3. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT #2 FOR PHASE 2 OF THE BATTLEGROUND HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL.** - Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman League to approve an agreement with Harris County Precinct #2 for Phase 2 of the Battleground Hike and Bike Trail.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

- 4. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL OF THE NEXT LEVEL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2026** - Motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Haight to ratify the City Manager's approval of the Next Level Membership for 2026.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

- 5. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION TO SEEK AND ACCEPT A FISCAL YEAR 2027 STEP COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT.** - After a proposed resolution was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and a second by Councilman Haight to adopt Resolution No. 2026-01 captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AND THE STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE

AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$79,247.50) TO CONDUCT A S.T.E.P. PROGRAM DIRECTED AT COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

6. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION TO SEEK AND ACCEPT A FISCAL YEAR 2027 STEP COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE (CMV) TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT. - After a proposed resolution was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Ford and a second by Councilman League to adopt Resolution No. 2026-02 captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AND THE STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS AND SIXTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$27,408.68) TO CONDUCT A S.T.E.P. PROGRAM DIRECTED AT COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

7. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE CTEH AIR MONITORING SYSTEM. - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman League and a second by Councilman Haight to adopt Ordinance No. 4678 captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUMS SET UP THEREIN TO THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

8. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING NICOLE GANEY AS AUDITOR FOR THE CITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF AUTHORIZING AD VALOREM TAX REFUNDS. - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and a second by Councilwoman Ford to adopt Ordinance No. 4679 captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING NICOLE GANEY AS AUDITOR FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

9. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAY 2, 2026, TO ELECT COUNCIL POSITIONS 4,5, & 6 ESTABLISHING TWO 12 HOUR EARLY VOTING DAYS AND OTHER ELECTION RELATED ITEMS. - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and a second by Councilman Ginn to adopt Ordinance No. 4680 captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, ON MAY 2, 2026, FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILMEMBER POSITIONS FOUR, FIVE AND SIX; ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION PRECINCT FOR SUCH ELECTION; ESTABLISHING THE TWELVE-HOUR EARLY VOTING DAYS; THE POLLING PLACE THEREFOR; APPOINTING THE EARLY VOTING CLERK, NAMING THE ELECTION JUDGES; GRANTING AUTHORITY TO ELECTION JUDGE AND/OR EARLY VOTING CLERK TO APPOINT EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD JUDGES AND CLERKS; SETTING THE RUNOFF ELECTION DATE OF JUNE 13, 2026; PROVIDING FOR JUDGES AND CLERKS COMPENSATION; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 GRANT FUND BUDGET FOR PHASE II OF THE HIKE AND BIKE TRAILS PROJECT. - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Ford and a second by Councilman Haight to adopt Ordinance No. 4681 captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUMS SET UP THEREIN TO THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON PURCHASING THE SERVICES OF SKE CONSTRUCTION TO REPLACE 350 LINEAR FEET OF WATERLINE ON PHYLLIS STREET (BUY BOARD CONTRACT #660-21). - Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman League to approve purchasing the services of SKE Construction to replace 350 linear feet of waterline on Phyllis Street (Buy Board Contract #660-21).

Motion carried 7 to 0.

12. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON PURCHASING TEN (10) SANITARY SEWER SMARTLEVEL MANHOLE COVERS FROM HYDROPRO SOLUTIONS (BUY BOARD CONTRACT #717-23). - Motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Haight to approve purchasing ten (10) sanitary sewer SmartLevel manhole covers from HydroPro Solutions (Buy Board contract #717-23).

Motion carried 7 to 0.

13. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AWARDING THE BID FOR THE AMBIENT AIR MONITORING SYSTEM AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATION TO CTEH. - Motion was made by Councilman League and seconded by Councilman Ginn to approve awarding the bid for the Ambient Air Monitoring System and Public Communication to CTEH.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:

Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor